

MUKTI

In India, a fight against trafficking of women and children for sexual purposes

India is a **source** and **destination** for trafficking of women and children.

90% of trafficking is interstate and **10%** international

Nearly **40,000** children are abducted every year, of which **11,000** are untraced.



Procurement of minor girls rose **416%** between 2009 and 2013.

NGOs estimate **50,000** women and children trafficked into the country annually from neighboring states for commercial sexual exploitation.

5-year National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data shows increase in human trafficking by **38%** with convictions down by **45%**

Project MUKTI in collaboration with local government and the civil society works to prevent trafficking of children for sexual purposes, protects those trafficked and prosecutes traffickers.

MUKTI works in Assam, West Bengal and Manipur where a large number of trafficking cases originate (source) and in Goa where many victims end up (destination).

Partners

destination

ARZ (Anaya Rahit Zindagi), **Goa**, fights trafficking for sexual purposes. National Crime Report Bureau reports that Goa has among the highest crime rates against children in India. Victims are brought to Goa from across India and foreign countries such as Nepal, Thailand, and Russia for sexual exploitation. Over 15-months, ARZ rescued more than 100 victims.

source

MARG fights trafficking in **Darjeeling** and Kalimpong of West Bengal. Those missing from West Bengal increased from 196 in 2001 to 6,514 in 2010. MARG has formed self-help groups targeting drivers, students and community members. A Students Against Trafficking Club (SACT) received the bravery award from the Government of India for busting a sex racket based in Delhi.

GOLD collaborates with the state government of **Assam** and the police against traffickers. According to the Ministry of Women and Development of the Child, trafficking is highest in Assam and its capital, Guwahati, is a prime destination. Tribal and scheduled caste dominated villages have high numbers of missing girls that are unreported.

FXB works in the **Manipur** state with MUKTI. An identified source of children and young girls, victims from Manipur are trafficked to Goa, Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi and international destinations.



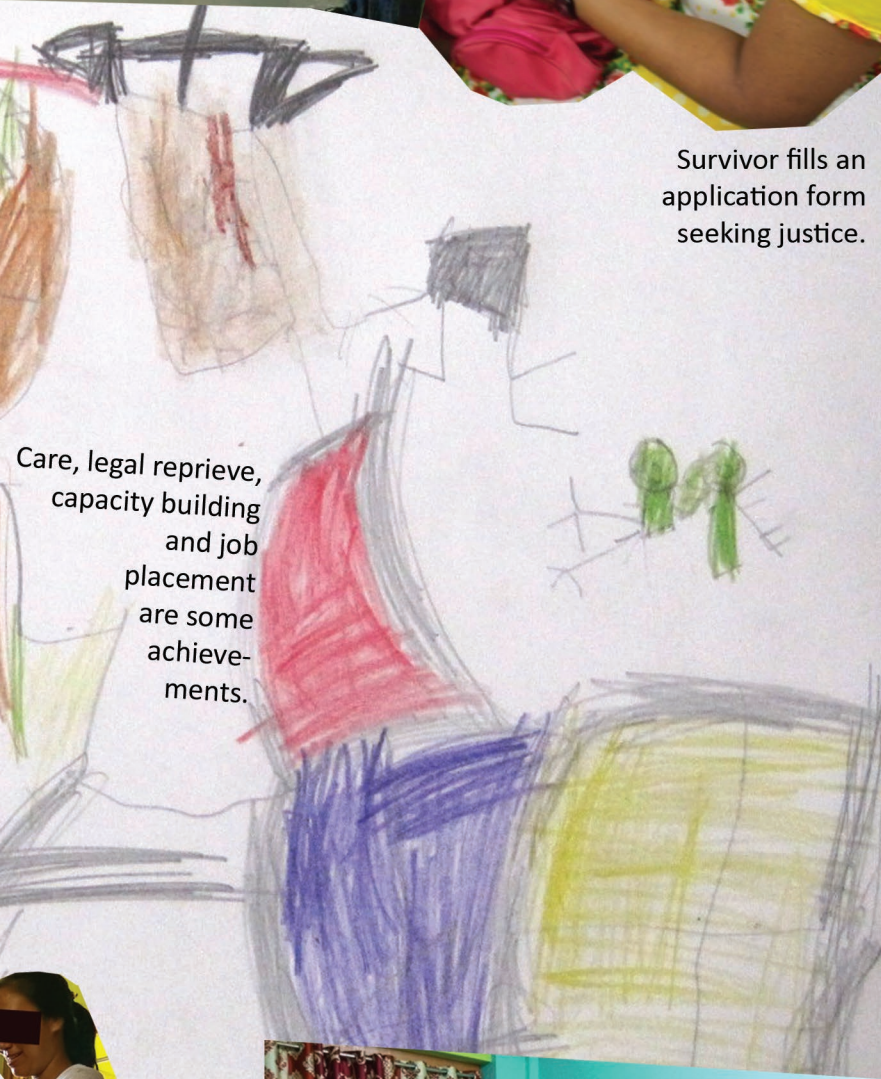
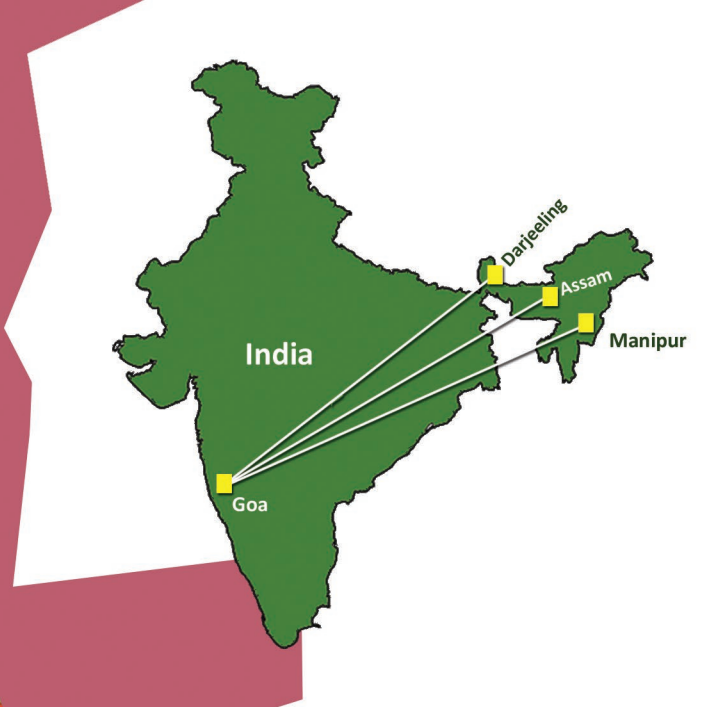
Regular meetings of stakeholders helps coordinate and strengthen processes.

School children learn about human trafficking and sexual abuse.



Caring of survivors involves physical care and psychosocial support





Survivor fills an application form seeking justice.

Care, legal reprieve, capacity building and job placement are some achievements.

Objectives of MUKTI

- Raise awareness to create community resiliency against child trafficking and child sexual abuse
- Results based coordination and collaboration with key stakeholders to establish effective mechanisms against trafficking
- Capacity building of service providers
- Systems and services created and reinforced at local and state levels to prevent child trafficking

Going forward,

The project raises awareness against trafficking of children for sexual purposes and against child sexual abuse. MUKTI will continue its fruitful partnership with the State and District governments of India, particularly the anti-human trafficking units (AHTUs) so that a competent and sustained mechanism is in place. Safeguarding achievements of MUKTI investments in community systems strengthening with increased community ownership and working hand-in-hand with the government bodies, along with ensuring coordination with key stakeholders combating cross border child trafficking to India will be given prominence.





Awareness generation on human trafficking. 8,938 students, 868 stakeholders and 214 tourism industry workers were sensitized. 61 religious leaders trained. A movie, "Pari" was produced and exhibited at different places.



Mechanisms for coordination and referral established or improved. 71 perpetrators were arrested, 92 presented before the magistrate and 80 criminal complaints filed. 8 survivors were trained and professionally placed. 31 children resumed schooling.



Direct assistance. 119 victims were rescued. 136 survivors rehabilitated and 115 provided legal assistance. 53 home investigations were conducted, 71 survivors reintegrated with families, 10 foreign persons repatriated to home countries and 105 arrests facilitated.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Council for Child Welfare Bravery Awards 2016



Capacity building. 25 self-help groups were formed. 362 persons from law enforcement, 200 police, 500 teachers, 49 government officials, including the judiciary, and 36 lawyers were trained.



SIKKIM EXPRESS
Bravery award to 2 Darjeeling children for busting sex racket

Two children from Darjeeling were awarded bravery medals for their role in busting a sex racket. The children, who were once victims of the racket, were praised for their courage and intelligence in exposing the racket to the police.



Services and systems created or strengthened to prevent the trafficking of children for the sexual purposes. MUKTI Nodal Cell State for the Anti-Trafficking came within the framework of establishes links between Indian states and central administration on trafficking, best practices, and relevant data. MUKTI works with state and district governments to strengthen AHTUs.